

What is claimed is:

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1. A drawer for use in a dispensing cabinet, comprising:

- a tray carried by a slider;
- an insert approximately the length of said tray, said insert carried by said tray and defining the volume of the drawer;
- a lockable lid carried by said insert; and
- a release mechanism for connecting said insert to said tray.

2. A combination, comprising:

- a tray drivable between an open position and a closed position with respect to a slider;
- an insert carried by said tray, said insert defining individual compartments each having a lockable lid, said insert approximately the length of said tray and defining the volume of the drawer;
- a release mechanism for connecting said insert to said tray;
- a self-locking worm gear for driving said tray; and
- a clutch positioned between said worm gear and said tray.

3. A dispensing cabinet, comprising:

- an input device;
- an output device;
- a control computer connected to said input and said output devices;
- a cabinet carrying a plurality of drawers, at least one of said drawers being a unit-dose dispensing drawer capable of dispensing a unit-dose, said unit dose dispensing drawer comprised of a plurality of individual drawers each individual drawer comprising:
  - a tray drivable between an open position and a closed position with respect to a slider;
  - an insert carried by said tray, said insert defining individual compartments each having a lockable lid, said insert approximately the length of said tray and defining the volume of the drawer;
  - a release mechanism for connecting said insert to said tray;
  - a motor;

a self-locking worm gear responsive to said motor for driving said tray; and  
a clutch positioned between said worm gear and said tray.

4. A method of restocking a unit dose drawer of a medication dispensing cabinet, comprising:

releasing a first insert that defines the volume of an individual drawer from a tray;

connecting a filled insert to the tray from which the first insert has been removed; and

unlocking the lid of the filled insert.

5. The method of claim 4 additionally comprising:

delivering the first insert to a storage location for filling;

filling the first insert and locking the lid thereof; and

delivering the filled first insert to a medication dispensing cabinet.

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